

REMARKS

Claims 2,4,8-9,26-27,29-30 and 32-41 are pending in the application.

Claims 32-41 are withdrawn from consideration; claim 4 is allowed; and claims 2,8,9,26,27,29 and 30 are rejected.

In this Amendment, claims 8-9 and 30 are canceled; and claims 2, 26-27 and 29 are amended.

Claims 2,4, 26-27 and 29 are presently pending. In addition, Applicant makes the following remarks regarding the claims and rejections.

Claim Objections

Claims 8 and 29 are objected to because of informalities. Claims 8 and 29 are amended to replace “a” with “the”. No new matter is added.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102(e)

Claims 2,26 and 27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Koyama, et al. (US Patent 6,382,983). The rejection is respectfully traversed, although it is believed moot in view of the present amendments to the claims.

All module mounting systems as disclosed in Koyama ‘983 are disclosed as being anchored to motherboard 1/40. (See Koyama ‘983, Figs. 1, 5-8, 12-13, and 17-22; col. 3 at lines 41-42 and 49-52; col. 4 at lines 6-8 and 16-26; col. 5, lines 1-4 and 9-16; and independent claims 1 and 4.) Koyama ‘983 therefore is similar to the “base socket 30a” as described in the specification at page 6, line 16. Applicant’s socket is detached from and not secured to a motherboard or circuit board. Such relationship is found in the specification at Figs. 4-5, 9A, 10A, 11A, 12A13A, 14A, and 15A. Moreover, structures in Koyama ‘983 that have been identified by the Examiner as serving as conductors as claimed are wiring layers residing within motherboard 1/40 in Koyama ‘983.

Applicant respectfully submits that a socket detached from a motherboard/PCB and having a socket body and conductors, as recited in claims 2 and 26, is patentably distinct from a socket body and discrete wiring embedded in a motherboard rather than in the socket body. Claims 2 and 26, and claims 27 and 29 depending from claim 26, therefore are believed allowable.

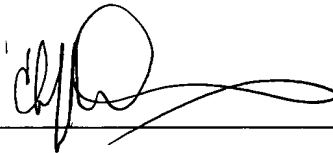
For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 2,4, 26-27 and 29 of the application as amended is solicited. The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the

undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case.

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